

Society News and Chat

SOCIETY in Washington has not danced for many seasons as it is dancing now. The inspiration of the half hundred or more debutantes of the early season could not but result in dancing. And the debutantes of this season were unusually young, some not yet through school, and others very young when they graduated. There are scarcely bands enough in the city to keep the dancers in action. Two and three in an evening have been the rule the past week, and the coming one will be almost as busy. The dancing is not confined, by any means, to the debutantes. The matrons, without regard to youth, have developed a renewed fondness for the art. The Bachelors, the Sixty Couples, the Benedicts, and the Benedictines, to say nothing of the "Small and Earlys" which are being organized, are all flourishing with renewed activity.

THE dances, too, are invariably preceded by dinner parties—many times innumerable dinner parties. It is now nothing of a rarity to have a ballroom in one's house, for the modern architect considers that from his first plans, and scarcely a new house is being built by winter residents of the Capital without its ballroom, either on the first floor of the house, or on the top floor, one extreme or the other.

IT was not so many years ago that the ballroom in the Mexican embassy and that in the home of the house now occupied by the W. A. Slaters, and formerly the home of the Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. William C. Whitney, were the only ballrooms in smart society.

TWO charity balls are on the social schedule for the next ten days. One is the annual ball of the Southern Relief Society, and the other is the one for the benefit of the Children's Hospital, a feature of the Washington season for the past thirty years. The former ball will be held on the 5th of February, and the latter will come next Wednesday evening.

BUT two more weeks and a half remain in which society can decorously dine and dance, and then the restful, quiet, bridge-playing days of Lent will be ushered in by Ash Wednesday. Then there will also be time for engagement announcements and wedding plans, which really have had to sink into the background the past few weeks. There has probably never been a season when so few of these have been at hand at this particular season of the year. There will also be time for musicales and more theater parties, and while the members of the smart set everywhere will be quite as much occupied as in mid-season, it will be in a much more informal and really more sociable way.

THERE will be several more musicales in the White House during the winter. These have proven most popular, and are always the prettiest of the entertainments in the Executive Mansion. The recent one, when the Kneisel Quartet, of Boston, gave the program, was a red-letter evening. The music was a rare treat. The quartet, the best of its kind, must have caught an inspiration, for, if it is possible, they played better than they ever played before. And it was one of the most distinguished audiences ever assembled at one of Mrs. Roosevelt's musicales. Gowns, jewels, and beautiful women go far to make up a successful entertainment.

MANY of the strange faces one sees in society these days are very apt to be New Yorkers who have just learned how really charming the Washington winters are. A number of members of the President's family have been over during the week; and, indeed, some are still here, both at the White House and at the home of Rear Admiral and Mrs. Cowles.

Personal

Mrs. Newberry, wife of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy, returned from New York on Wednesday evening, where she went to see her daughter, Miss Carol, off to Paris for a finishing course of study in school. Miss Carol Newberry has been in Washington since the holidays, and while not in society at all has met most of the girls in her parents' set. She has been for some time a pupil in the Dobbs' Ferry School for Girls.

Mrs. Newberry has as her guest her niece, Miss Gladys Newberry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. "Harry" Newberry, of Detroit, and she entertained at a small tea for young people in her honor on Friday afternoon; when Miss Gladys was presented to the young people of the official and diplomatic society in Washington. Miss Newberry will remain here about three weeks.

The newly elected Senator and Mrs. William Alden Smith have been very considerably missed from among the diners and dinner hosts this season during their prolonged, but very interesting and successful, stay at home. They gave up their Q street house last spring, and will be at the New Willard when they arrive early next week. The rejoicing over the success of Senator Smith is mingled with regret at the departure of the Algerians—Mrs. Alger has been a prominent official hostess during so many years of her middle life, and has carried the honors of her different positions with so much grace and womanliness that she has made enduring friendships. No woman has ever retired from official circles with more staunch friends among women than will Mrs. Alger on March 4.

Senator and Mrs. Dryden had as their guests last night at dinner Mr. Justice and Mrs. Harlan, Mr. Justice and Mrs. Holmes, Senator Bacon, Senator Mifflin, and Miss Mifflin, Senator and Mrs. Flint, General and Mrs. Gillespie, General Crozier, Mrs. Hobart, Captain and Mrs. Wright, Lieutenant and Mrs. Timmons, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Alger, Mrs. Kuser, and J. H. Butler.

Judge and Mrs. Anderson entertained at dinner last night the Cuban minister and Mrs. Quesada, Senator and Mrs. Burrows, Senator and Mrs. Fulton, Representative and Mrs. Sherman, Representative and Mrs. Brooks, General and Mrs. Sternberg, Mr. and Mrs. Seymour, Mr. and Mrs. Worthington, Miss Thompson, and Mr. and Mrs. Guthridge.

The members of the Gridiron Club and a few personal friends were the guests of honor of Thomas F. Walsh at a stag dinner of eighty covers last night in his home on Massachusetts avenue.

Mrs. John F. Stevens will entertain at supper in her attractive apartment in the Connecticut this evening.

Mrs. L. Z. Lester will be hostess for a small company at luncheon today in her home on Dupont Circle.

Miss Mary Peyton, of Charlottesville, Va., returned to her home this morning, after spending the week in Washington as the guest of Mrs. James

Hay, Jr., formerly Miss Lindsay Howell Walker, of Charlottesville. Miss Peyton is the daughter of Captain Peyton, of Charlottesville, and made her debut there this fall at the first of the University of Virginia Germans. She is a charming and accomplished girl, having only recently returned from Europe, where she has been for the past two years finishing her education.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Miss Ellen Prender, daughter of Mrs. S. E. Prender, to John S. May Wednesday, January 9, at 8 o'clock. Only a small family party attended the ceremony, which took place in the home of the bride's mother, the Rev. G. Freeland Peter, of Epiphany Church, officiating.

The bride wore a dainty gown of white silk with veiling, effectively trimmed with chiffon and point lace. The bouquet was a shower of bride roses.

After a wedding reception and supper for the bridal party and relatives, Mr. and Mrs. May left for their future home, 506 Tenth street southeast.

The Attorney General and Mrs. Bonaparte, accompanied by Miss Tuckerman, left their apartment, in the Portland, yesterday for their country home, near Baltimore. Mrs. Bonaparte will not return to Washington for her usual weekly reception on Wednesday.

The Assistant Secretary of the Navy and Mrs. Truman H. Newberry were hosts for a large company of young people last night prior to the McLean dance, in honor of Mrs. Newberry's niece, Miss Gladys Newberry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henrie H. Newberry, of Detroit and New York, who is their guest for a short time.

Mr. and Mrs. John R. McLean entertained a large company of debutantes and members of the younger dancing contingent of Washington society at a ball last night in their home, on I street. The ballroom was simply decorated with red and green and the music was furnished by the Marine Band.

A number of dinner parties were arranged early before the dance, the hostesses later taking their guests to the dance. Mrs. Charles S. Brownell, wife of Colonel Brownell, entertained at a dinner for young people of eighteen covers.

Senator and Mrs. Elkins entertained their house guests, Mrs. Landstreet, Weidersehn, who will conclude their visit today.

Miss Katherine Elkins, who has been spending the week in New York as the guest of Miss Pauline Morton, returned to Washington yesterday.

Miss Hemenway, daughter of the Senator from Indiana, arrived in Washington about a week ago, and, with her father, will spend the remainder of the winter at the Normandie. Miss Hemenway was to have made her debut in society here formally this season, but the inability of her mother to be in Washington has made it advisable for her to change her plans.

Representative and Mrs. James Watson of Indiana, the past few seasons



MRS. BENJAMIN F. PILSON.

with Senator and Mrs. Hemenway in their home on Massachusetts avenue, have taken apartments at the Normandie also, since the Hemenway house was given up. Mrs. Watson's youngest child has been quite sick the past week, but is now improving.

Mrs. John Cook, of Elkhart, Ind., is making a visit here for a few weeks before going South for the remainder of the winter. Mrs. Cook's daughter, Miss Charlotte Cook, will remain in Mt. Vernon Seminary this year. Mrs. Cook will go South next week.

Mrs. Clarence C. Gilliams, wife of the new Representative from La Grange, who succeeded Judge Gilbert, made her debut in the Congressional circle on Tuesday afternoon, when she received with the other hostesses of this circle at the Dewey. Mr. and Mrs. Gilliams are spending the season there.

Invitations to meet Dr. Edward Howard Griggs have been issued by Mrs. Henry T. Rainey, assisted by Mrs. Arthur Ramsey, for Friday afternoon from 3 to 6 at Fairmont Seminary. Assisting in the receiving line will be Mrs. Leslie M. Shaw, Mrs. William T. Harris, Mrs. Charles Needham, Mrs. Wallace Radcliffe, Mrs. Robert T. Hill, Mrs. Thomas Sidwell, and Miss Westcott.

Mrs. Clarence Venable, of New York, who has been the guest of her parents, Capt. and Mrs. George C. Harris, of Bates street, returned to New York yesterday.

Mrs. W. H. Rapley, of 1735 P street northwest, will be at home Thursday afternoon, January 24, from 4 until 6.

Mrs. McGuire, Mrs. C. H. Davis, Mrs. Gaff, Mrs. Glover, and Mrs. William Murray will receive the guests at the charity ball at the New Willard next Wednesday evening. There is a list of distinguished patronesses, all of whom are interested in the success of the ball.

Mrs. Ida K. Lane is entertaining Mrs. Ida Murray, widow of the late Colonel Murray, of Burlington, Kan., in her home in Swann street.

Invitations have been issued for the first reception and dance of the Athletic Association of the Catholic University, which will be given at Rauscher's, on Friday evening, February 8.

On that evening the entire house will be at the disposal of the guests, both ballrooms being used for dancing, while the buffet supper will be served in the banquet room.

This will be the first affair of the kind given by the association, and has been received everywhere with delight. The committee has spared no effort to make it a success, and it is expected that it will be the most brilliant college dance of the season.

The patronesses will be some of the most prominent women in diplomatic and social Washington, and the chaperons will be the wives of the university professors.

The committee will decorate the hall

Ask Mr. Foster

When you are going away why not ask Mr. Foster to engage your rooms at hotels? The room that you want will be ready for you. No hunting from one hotel to another; no disappointment. Mr. Foster knows about the hotels and about travel, and can give you much valuable information. Try asking Mr. Foster next time you go to New York or Atlantic City, or anywhere else. No Fees Ever.

1333 Pennsylvania Avenue, Bet. the Post and Times Buildings.

Popular Hostesses



MRS. THOMAS C. NOYES.

with flags of all the American universities, colleges, and leading fraternities, which will increase the attractiveness of the hall and make the dance a typical university affair.

The home of Ewald G. Leicht, III, D street northwest, was the scene of the celebration of his thirty-ninth birthday anniversary on January 12. A very pleasant evening was spent in games, music, and dancing, followed by a recitation by Mrs. Lewis, of Canada. An elaborate supper was served, at which Mr. Hope was toastmaster. Among the guests were many members of the Protected Home Circle as follows: Mrs. Ewald G. Leicht, Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Grant, Mr. and Mrs. Burns and sister, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Garrett, Mrs. Lewis, Mrs. Moot, Miss Leicht, Miss Burns, Mr. Hope, Mr. Nally, Mr. Sasser, Mr. Wilson, Mr. Greenwell, Mr. Crawford, Mr. Lyons, Mr. Buck, Mr. Howlin, Mr.

Stevens, Joseph Leicht, Ellis and Stewart Leicht, and Master Denny Burns, of Washington, D. C. The Bishop, Mr. French, and Mr. Bismarck. Many handsome presents were received.

At an open meeting of the Evening Club of Georgetown, held at Mrs. Charles Hartwell Cragin's the evening of January 10, Mr. Messer read a paper on "Current Art," which was much appreciated by those present. At the close of Mr. Messer's address, punch was served to the members of the club and their guests.

Mrs. Charles M. Pepper will be at home Thursday, January 24, and February 7, from 3 to 6 p. m.

A pretty home wedding took place on Tuesday evening, January 15, at 9:45 o'clock at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Franklin M. Tripp, 834 Monroe street,



MRS. WALTER FAIRFIELD.

also formerly Miss Blanche Mills, of West Falls Church, Va., at which place the couple were married on October 23, 1906.

Mrs. Ellis Logan, 1233 Irving street northwest, will be at home informally Friday, January 25, from 3 to 6, assisted by Mrs. George W. Prince, Mrs. Martin B. Madden, Miss Madden, Mrs. Pleasant T. Chapman, and Mrs. William Warfield Wilson, of Illinois; Mrs. James M. Miller, of Kansas; Mrs. Louis E. Payson, Miss Kent, Mrs. George E. Tower, Mrs. Bertha Murdock Robbins, and Miss Phelps.

The next regular month's musical service at Grace Episcopal Church, Ninth and D streets southwest, will be given this evening at 7:30 o'clock. The choir under the direction of Dr. Daier, organist and choirmaster, will be assisted by Frederick Hewitt and other soloists, and will render the full choral service, as well as several anthems and solos.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles S. Woodin entertained delightfully at a euche party Friday evening. Assisting were Miss Florence Kendall and Miss Bernice Woodin. The guests were Mrs. Healy, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Hoban, Miss Hattie Dillford, the Misses Atkinson, Miss Lewis, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Bassett, Miss Octavia Bassett, Capt. R. S. Donaldson, Dr. Charles McCarthy, A. M. Daniels, C. E. Speaks, E. F. Barrett, Mr. Howe, I. B. Greene, Mr. Fitz Gerald. Those winning prizes were Miss Lewis, Miss Florence Kendall, Mrs. Healy, Mrs. Hoban, Mr. Daniels, Dr. McCarthy, Captain Donaldson, and Mr. Greene. A buffet supper was served, and dancing was participated in until a late hour.

A euche party was given by Messrs. John and Walter Gentner at their home, 928 Fourth street northeast, last Thursday evening. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. Oehlmer, Mr. and Mrs. Deegs, Mrs. J. Gentner, Miss Cornelia Gentner, George Gentner, Miss Ida Tiverny, Miss Elizabeth Tiverny, Miss Clara Dengel, and Harry Chezum. The prizes were won by Mr. and Mrs. Deegs.

Miss Janet Richards will leave for New York tomorrow at noon to deliver an illustrated lecture on "The David Play of Oberammergau," at the Manhattanville Convent of the Sacred Heart. Her Monday talk on current topics, at Scottish Rite Hall, will therefore begin at 10:30 a. m. instead of 11 as usual.

The installation ceremonies of Dorcas Rebekah Lodge, No. 4, I. O. O. F., took place last night.

(Continued on Fifth Page.)

Webster.

PIANOS

Always Give Satisfaction

It is an established fact that WEBSTER Pianos will stand up better and longer under continuous use than many higher priced instruments. They are built for service and at the same time they are handsomely finished and possess rare musical qualities.

WEBSTER Pianos are built in our large Leominster factory. We sell them at "factory" prices—\$350 to \$450—and extend purchasers the benefit of the easiest terms. All the new models are on exhibition in our warerooms.

F. G. Smith Piano Co.,
BRADBURY BUILDING,
1225 Pennsylvania Ave. W. P. VAN WICKLE, Vice-Pres.
Telephone Main 747.

SOROSIS SHOES

THE Sorosis label on shoes for women, men, boys and girls, signifies that the shoes bearing that trade-mark are of exclusive style and of the highest quality of materials and workmanship.

It stands for shoes that are more than merchandise—it means shoes with brains and conscience in them.

Sorosis Shoes are made in all leathers for every member of the family, and for every requirement, whatever it may be.

Staple styles \$3.50 and \$4.00 as always
Luxurious styles \$5.00 and upwards



SOROSIS SHOP,
1213 F STREET.